

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Decision on Appeal mailed on September 12, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2 and 4-21 remain in this application, where claim 3 had been canceled without prejudice and claims 16-21 have been added. Claims 1 and 9 are independent.

In particular, it is respectfully submitted that U.S. Patent No. 6,639,362 6,670,765 (Muto) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,047,069 (Akutsu), alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 9 where, amongst other patentable elements, claim 1 recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

outer bulb comprising glass doped with neodymium oxide.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 9 are allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2, 4-8 and 10-21 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 9.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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